

Amendments to the Claims:

Listing of Claims:

1-12 (canceled)

13. (previously presented) An equipment support stand adapted to be used on an underground mining machine which includes at least one apparatus thereon which will utilize a plurality of interchangeable items, said stand comprising: a base adapted to stand on a surface of said machine adjacent to said apparatus; an upstanding rack mounted to said base, the rack being shaped and configured to hold and/or support said items; and securing means for releasably securing said base to said surface; said securing means comprising a plurality of clamps which incorporate a hook formation adapted to pass through an aperture in said surface of said machine and hook beneath said surface to thereby rigidly fix the support stand to the surface, wherein said hook formation is tensionable by an over center locking lever connected thereto which, when tensioned, will tightly clamp the stand to the surface.

14-18 (canceled)